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SUBJECT: AUDIENCE WITH SHAH

1. DURING AUDIENCE GRANTED GENERAL EADE, DEPUTY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF US EUROPEAN COMMAND, MORNING OF DECEMBER 3, SHAH MENTIONED THAT HE IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A VISIT TO IRAN OF PRIME MINISTER GANDHI IN AN EFFORT TO CONVINCE HER THAT IRAN HAS NO HOSTILE INTENTIONS TOWARD INDIA AND THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES NEED NOT BE STRAINED. SHAH INDICATED THAT MRS. GANDHI HAS NOT YET AGREED TO VISIT HERE, BUT HE IS CONVINCED THAT SHE WILL ACCEPT EVENTUALLY. HE IS ALREADY ATTEMPTING THROUGH OTHER RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH EXACTLY WHAT OCCURRED DURING GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO NEW DELHI THIS PAST WEEK.

2. IN THE PROCESS OF DISCUSSING HIS "INDIAN POLICY", SHAH MENTIONED THAT WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER SWARAN SINGH CAME HERE SOME MONTHS AGO, HE PROPOSED A NONAGGRESSION PACT BETWEEN IRAN AND INDIA. SHAH TOLD SWARAN SINGH THAT HE WAS QUITE PREPARED TO ENTER INTO SUCH A PACT PROVIDED THAT PAKISTAN WAS INCLUDED IN IT. HE INDICATED THAT HE INTENDS TO PURSUE THIS MATTER IN AN EFFORT TO SECURE A CONCRETE AFFIRMATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA THAT IT DOES NOT INTEND TO ATTACK OR PERMIT THE DISMEMBERMENT OF
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PAKISTAN. AS THE SHAH SEES IT, THE INTEGRITY OF PAKISTAN

IS THE ONLY ISSUE BETWEEN IRAN AND INDIA SINCE HE (THE SHAH)
HAS NO INTENTION WHATEVER OF TAKING ANY HOSTILE ACTION
AGAINST INDIA EITHER NOW OR IN THE FUTURE. HE WORRIES
ABOUT INDIA'S DEPENDENCE ON SOVIET ARMS AND MILITARY
EQUIPMENT, AND CLAIMS NOT TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE UNITED
STATES IS RELUCTANT TO ARM PAKISTAN IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT
THE RUSSIANS ARE DOING IN INDIA.
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